

Buffalo. Sept 6, 1864.

7½ P.M.

My dear May:

"The Plains" between Buffalo and Williamsville were, to a great extent, oak-savanna, when the first white men came into this region, covered with tall grasses, which were regularly fired by the Indians, in balmy summer, to draw within the game, by the temptation of fresh herbage in the autumn. The underlying rock comes close to the surface, & is a limestone filled with horn-stone. I need not say to you that, in the heat of summer, the plains are exceedingly dry. I took a short walk on them, this afternoon, in the day time - and there, snatched up the enclosed tuft (the only one I saw) of a sun-dried, withered thing,

which may be the little Scipio's I sent you. If it be, Mummy must have played me a strange trick, and it must have been something else which I picked at the Craneberry marsh near Akron. If it be that Scipio's, and I have send you here my thoughts, you shall have or cocked it.

I also inclose to you, from the Plains, two species of the *Trichicum* - *repens* & *variegata*, of my most intimate list - *Variegata* so named on the authority of Dr. Thunber. You subsequently decided it to be a variety of *T. caninum*. Mr. L. Hall, to whom I sent it with other things, wrote that he was glad to get it from this part of the country - that he had collected it, or had it (I forget which) from the Rocky Mt., & was confident that it was neither *repens* nor *caninum*.

I can assure you that it has no running rootstock. I inclose it thinking you might possibly be pleased to re-examine it; and I can safely promise you any quantity and in any condition that you may desire.

I am unfortunately obliged for the *Sedaginea Selag.* It is very different from what I had imagined.

I am much obliged to you for the acquaintance of the Rev. Jas. Fowler. He is a clever fellow. I am over my duplicates - or the large portion of them - with him. I made up a quite a package, with which he started off, last evening, expressing himself much pleased.

Your ever -

M. W. Leontine

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